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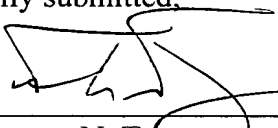
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- (1) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 9-25878 (SEIKO INSTRU INC), published January 29, 1997;
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